

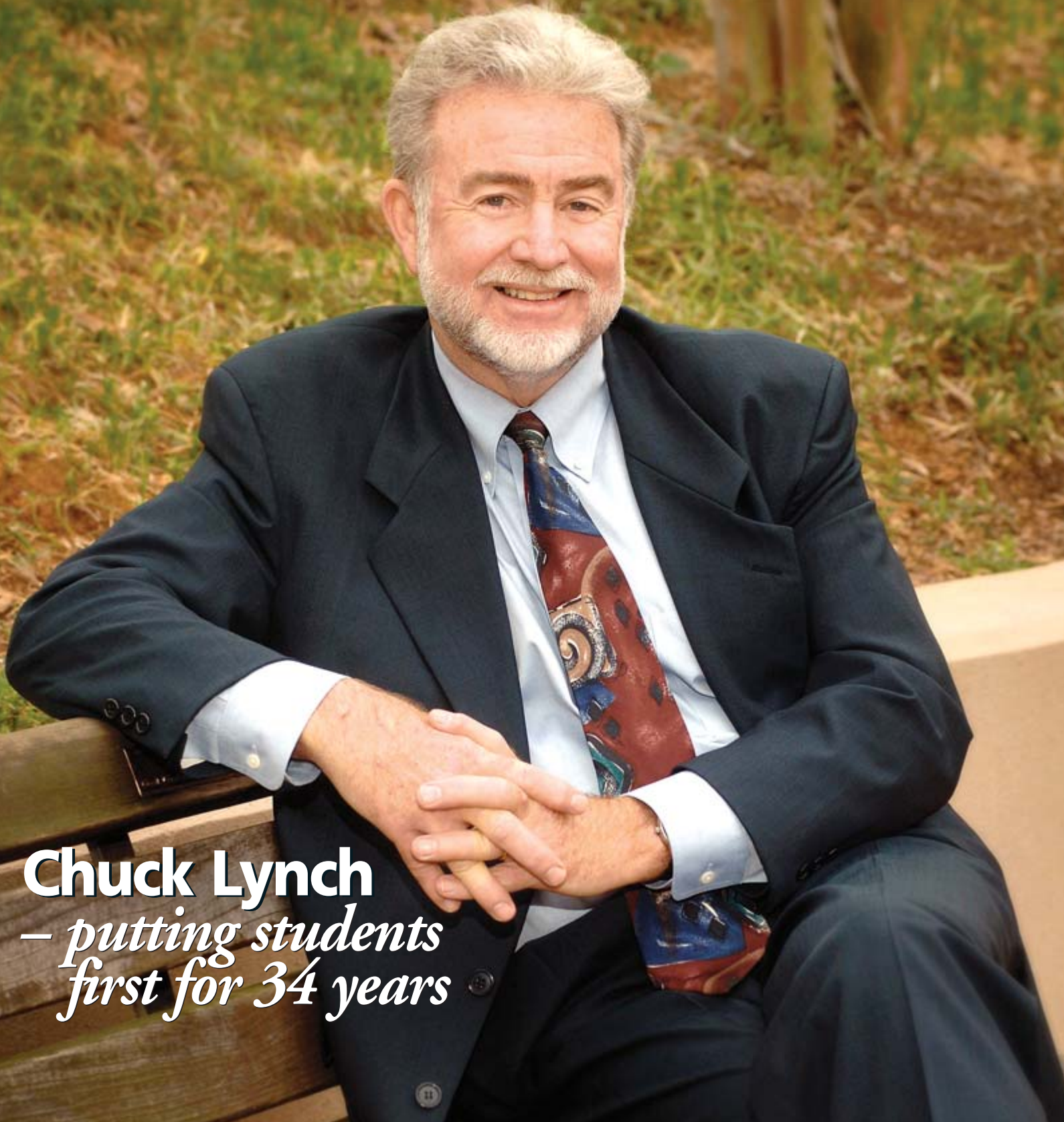
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Dear alumni and friends,

Let's All Take Ownership of UNC Charlotte

The talent and resources found in the work of the faculty, staff, and students of The University of North Carolina at Charlotte campus are valuable to the public at large but especially to the greater Charlotte community.

UNC system President Erskine Bowles touched on this theme when he recently called on Charlotte's public officials, business executives and civic leaders to increase their ownership stake in their local university.

UNC Charlotte needs support from its hometown, where many of our graduates have remained and taken on leadership roles in the civic and corporate worlds. The broad impact this university has on our region is quite impressive.

For example, graduates of UNC Charlotte's motorsports engineering program in the William States Lee College of Engineering are prominent members of leading NASCAR race teams. Our alumni in accounting from the Belk College of Business include the current chief financial officers of Bank of America (Joe Price), Duke Energy (David Hauser), Nucor (Terry Lisenby), and both the CEO (Robert Niblock) and CFO (Bob Hull) of Lowe's.

But what does it really mean for the community to "own" its public university?

It means we need continuing support for UNC Charlotte's aspirations to develop as a major research institution. Our 18 doctoral programs are a direct result of hard work by business and community leaders who recognized the connection between a research university and regional economic development.

Corporate support was vital for the development of the Charlotte Research Institute (CRI), our portal for business-university technology partnerships. A \$10 million gift in support of CRI from the Duke Energy Foundation was the largest single gift ever made to UNC Charlotte.

Endowed professorships have been sponsored by individual, family, and corporate names that have long been the core of the Charlotte business community – Bank of America, Belk, Blumenthal, Duke Power, Hemby, Harris, Spangler, and TIAA-CREF. First Citizens Bank has sponsored our most prestigious recognition for faculty research for the past 25 years.

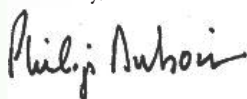
"Owning" UNC Charlotte means taking pride in the quality of our students. It may surprise some of you to learn our entering freshman class has an average grade point average of 3.6. We serve students from 97 of North Carolina's 100 counties, 45 other states, and 89 foreign countries. We currently offer undergraduate degrees in 89 fields, with the master's degree available in 61.

Our partnership means we need you to view our funding needs as a community challenge. Our recent long-range enrollment plan indicates that UNC Charlotte will need to reach 35,000 by the year 2020 to properly serve this growing region. We will not be able to meet that demand if the funding formulas of the UNC system are not adjusted to remedy historic deficiencies. The campus expected to be one of the fastest-growing UNC campuses in the next decade cannot continue to be ranked 13th in per-student funding among the 16 four-year schools in the system.

I appeal to all alumni to show your pride in your alma mater and make it part of the fabric of your lives. Bring your family and friends here to see all the exciting new additions to the campus. If it's been a few years since your last visit, you will be impressed with our outstanding new classroom buildings, cultural venues and sports facilities.

Make plans to come to UNC Charlotte to take in a play, concert or sporting event. And as you arrive on campus, make a special stop at the new Harris Alumni Center. I promise that this fantastic new "home" for our alumni will rekindle your affinity for this outstanding university!

Cordially,



Philip L. Dubois, Chancellor

Letter from the Chancellor



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Ike Belk with Trustees Chair Mac Everett and Chancellor Dubois

Irwin Belk Tapped with Distinguished Service Award

After years of dedicated service and support of the university, UNC Charlotte honored Irwin “Ike” Belk with the 2007 Distinguished Service Award. Belk’s generosity to the university is legendary in the amount of financial gifts and time he has given.

Belk was responsible for introducing the legislation that would make UNC Charlotte the fourth university in the North Carolina system. That was just the start of his long partnership with the university.

Other contributions include a gift given to The Foundation of The University of North Carolina Charlotte, Inc. to establish the Carol Grotnes Belk Endowed Chair in Nursing in honor of his wife for her loving care of her family. The gift will be used to support the teaching and research of a full professor of nursing in the College of Health and Human Services. He has also endowed three other chairs at UNC Charlotte.

Belk is also responsible for the state-of-the-art track and athletic facility on campus. The Irwin Belk Track and Field Center has been called the finest track and field facility in the Southeast. To add even more visual interest, Belk funded the addition of 14 bronze statues representing every intercollegiate sport team that the university fields. UNC Charlotte is the only university in the nation to have such an extensive athletic statuary collection.

The Distinguished Service Award, created in 1987, is presented annually to those citizens whose exemplary service has helped advance UNC Charlotte in its mission to serve the state and metropolitan region and whose personal leadership has improved the Charlotte community.

Atkins Library Celebrates Millionth Volume

The J. Murrey Atkins Library celebrated the acquisition of its One Millionth Volume at a special ceremony and reception in April. Titled, “A Million Reasons to Celebrate: The Acquisition of the J. Murrey Atkins Library’s Millionth Volume,” the library accepted a first edition copy of T.S. Eliot’s “The Waste Land” as its Millionth Volume – a donation by Professor Emeritus Julian D. Mason.

In acknowledgement of the library’s accomplishments, first lady (and former librarian) Laura Bush sent a congratulatory letter to the university. She wrote, “To everyone who has played a part in the creation of the Atkins Library collection of books, I send my admiration. To everyone who has the good fortune and good sense to take advantage of these one million volumes, I send my congratulations, along with my hope that you will continue the stewardship that has brought the Atkins Library to this extraordinary moment.” A framed copy of the letter was presented at the ceremony.

The library also received 48 additional books as part of the Millionth Volume Collection given by each of the 48 departments represented at UNC Charlotte; those volumes were added into the library’s general collection.

It is generally acknowledged in academic libraries that a collection that is past the 1 millionth mark is indeed indicative of being able to support the teaching and research activities of a university with research intensive status. This milestone also moves the university closer to qualifying as an accredited member of the Association of Research Libraries.

Felix Sabates awarded Doctor of Public Service honorary degree at May 12 commencement

UNC Charlotte honored Felix S. Sabates Jr. with an honorary degree for his generous philanthropic contributions, dedication to the Charlotte community and continual support for higher education at the university’s spring commencement ceremony May 12. The university awarded Sabates the honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service.

Sabates served on the board of directors of The Foundation of The University of North Carolina at Charlotte Inc. from 1994 until 2005. His other community activities have included the Board of Directors for Carolinas HealthCare Systems, the Applica Corporation (Black & Decker), Simpson Products, the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and the North Carolina Institute of Medicine. He has given extensively to the philanthropic Dream Makers Society of the Boys and Girls Club of Broward County, Fla.

The Cuban native moved to United States at 16 and from a humble start, forged a life of achievement. In 1987, Sabates purchased a research and development team and created SABCO Racing, beginning his long and highly successful career in NASCAR motor sports. He played an instrumental role in the NBA granting Charlotte a franchise and then became an original owner of the Charlotte Hornets in 1988. He has been an owner of the Charlotte Checkers and currently has part ownership of the Charlotte Bobcats.

Sabates has other business ventures including a custom yacht building company, Victory Lane Enterprises Ltd., and Infinity, Hyundai and Mercedes Benz auto dealerships. He is also the president and CEO of FSS Holdings Inc., a North Carolina-based company with holdings in several U.S. and international companies.



Felix Sabates and Provost Joan Lorden



UNC Charlotte students (foreground left to right) Chris Fantano and Matt Lawing hoist a souvenir.

University "Breaks Pavement" on Student Union Project

In April, UNC Charlotte broke pavement for the new 196,000 square-foot Student Union Building during a ceremony in Lot 10 on Craver Road located across from the College of Education and the College of Health and Human Services Buildings.

The largest and most expensive building project ever to be constructed at UNC Charlotte, the Student Union will house a 210-seat movie theatre, retail dining including Starbucks, Wendy's, Zia Juice, Einstein Bagels, a full-scale Italian restaurant as well as student residential dining. Spaces for four additional retail outlets remain available.

The Union will also include the University Bookstore, a convenience store, an art gallery, all student organizations, administrative offices and a 600-seat ballroom.

Hosted by Chancellor Philip L. Dubois and Student Body President Ben Comstock, the pavement-breaking festivities included music, food and give-aways and the entire student body was invited as well as 650 alumni and other guests.

Charlotte Regional Indicators Project Launched

The first comprehensive initiative to annually assess the 14-county region's progress on a wide range of economic, social and environmental issues, the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute Regional Indicators Project was announced in early April.

The initiative will engage the community at all levels in an active dialogue concerning the present and future quality of life for the region's citizens. The goals and indicators will be organized around a set of 10 quality of life categories: Arts, Recreation and Cultural Life; Economy; Education; Environment; Government and Civic Engagement; Health; Housing; Public Safety; Social Well-Being; and Transportation.

"The indicators project will be grounded in objective, measurable indicators of success toward achieving long-term goals for the region," said UNC Charlotte Urban Institute Director Jeff Michael. "Over time – and for the first time – the region's leaders and citizens will be able to track where we are making progress and where extra effort may be needed."

The research findings will be disseminated to the general public through forums, a web site, printed reports and publications and an annual conference. The initial "State of the Region" report will be released in the fall in conjunction with the annual conference.

UNC Charlotte gets approval for new doctorate, masters

Board of Governors approves new Ph.D. in Nanoscale Science

UNC Charlotte's listing of doctorate programs has grown to 18 with the addition of a new degree in Nanoscale Science. Approval of the program came from the UNC Board of Governors.

Nanoscale science is a field of scientific investigation that addresses the development, manipulation and use of materials and devices on the scale of roughly 1-100 nanometers in length, as well as the study of phenomena that occur at this size scale (one nanometer equals one billionth of a meter).

"The need and justification for a Ph.D. in Nanoscale Science was obvious from the start since a significant portion of the nation's economy is driven by miniaturization," said Tom Reynolds, dean of UNC Charlotte's Graduate School.

This size range encompasses the smallest man-made and naturally derived devices known. A sheet of paper is about 100,000 nanometers thick.

Experts predict nanoscale science will change the nature of almost every human-made product this century. This field has great potential applications in materials, medicine, electronics, optics, data storage, environment, energy and national security.

Nanoscale materials already find use in numerous pharmaceutical, catalytic, electronic, magnetic, optoelectronic, biomedical, cosmetic and energy applications.

In May, the Board of Governors approved UNC Charlotte's proposal to begin a Master's degree in Bioinformatics.

Trustees Vote to Study Feasibility of Football

UNC Charlotte's Board of Trustees voted unanimously in February to authorize up to \$150,000 to study the impact of adding football to its athletic department.

Before the vote, Chancellor Philip L. Dubois listed a number of "assumptions," which included his recommendation that the results of the study by an advisory committee would be shared with the public. "We're not going to play hide the ball," he said.

It is the first official study the school has ever authorized to study the impact of adding football to its athletic department.

Athletics Director Judy Rose said the study would give credibility to any future decision on football. The research advisory group is chaired by Board of Trustees

Chairman Mac Everett, who will be leaving the board when his term ends in June.

Dubois noted there will not be any members of the school's Board of Trustees on the advisory committee after Everett's term expires.

At the board's recent retreat, materials were distributed that showed there are 32 NCAA football teams at public colleges and universities in 23 metropolitan areas with populations of 1.5 million to 3 million. Census figures show the metro Charlotte region has 1.5 million people.

College of Health and Human Services Building Dedicated

UNC Charlotte marked another milestone in April with the dedication of the new \$31.2 million College of Health and Human Services Building.

The 163,000 square-foot building, a distinctive addition to the campus with its copper cupola, houses the College of Health and Human Services, the Office of International Programs and the Institute for Social Capital.

A dedication ceremony featured remarks from Dr. L. Allen Dobson, Assistant Secretary for Health Policy and Medical Assistance, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, as well as from Chancellor Philip L. Dubois and Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Joan Lorden.

Designed by Pease Associates and built by Turner Construction at a cost of \$31.2 million, the facility holds 34 state-of-the-art classrooms, six laboratories and numerous conference/seminar rooms and offices.

The building also has several special features including a small apartment to practice home health care skills; examination rooms; rooms with hospital beds, examination tables and even computerized mannequins that can be programmed to simulate conditions such as cardiac arrhythmia.

The building also features a collection of contemporary artwork reflecting the health and human services theme of the building. Medicinal plants, shrubs and trees surround the building, which is bordered on one side by a pedestrian-friendly plaza that is already a major thoroughfare for students, faculty and staff.



Ribbon cutting on April 13



UNC Charlotte graduates all-time high for December & May

Eleven travel from Taiwan to receive MBAs

In May, UNC Charlotte conferred degrees upon its largest number of graduates ever – more than 2,600. That commencement included another important milestone; The Belk College of Business Administration awarded 30 Master of Business Administration degrees to international executive MBA students from Taipei, Taiwan. Eleven of those students traveled to UNC Charlotte to receive their degrees.

Currently, international students comprise 11 percent of the graduate school student body and 4 percent of the undergraduate student body. International students at UNC Charlotte come from 83 countries around the world.

The College of Architecture, College of Engineering, College of Computing and Informatics, College of Health and Human Services, and the Belk College of Business Administration collectively conferred degrees at the morning ceremonies.

During the afternoon ceremony, graduates were awarded degrees from the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Education. Doctorates were awarded during the afternoon ceremonies.

UNC Charlotte and UNC Asheville Team Up For Groundbreaking Air Quality Research

Funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, university researchers are conducting a high-tech air quality analysis that could lead to a new standard for future growth not only in North Carolina but the rest of the nation.

Dubbed “VisualGrid,” the project is a collaboration between researchers at UNC Charlotte and the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

“In the long run this information will impact how we use our resources, our quality of life and economic development,” said Bill Ribarsky, Bank of America Endowed Chair in Information Technology in the College of Computing and Informatics at UNC Charlotte and the head of the VisualGrid project.

Grid computing is a technology that uses numerous networked computers spread across different locations to work together on large, complex computational problems. The main objective of the VisualGrid is to use the grid computing environment to attract and support a community of individuals from different places and with diverse backgrounds but who share a common interest.

When complete, the VisualGrid will provide a set of capabilities available nowhere else that will be very attractive to potential new businesses and businesses that might move from elsewhere. Government and business will be able to manage growth and resources while preserving natural assets and quality of life, and developing intellectual potential, which are the most important resources in central and western North Carolina.

Architects Selected for Center City Building

First major urban classroom in UNC system scheduled to open in 2010

In January, UNC Charlotte selected the architectural team for design of its new classroom and office building in downtown Charlotte.

KieranTimberlake Associates, recipient of more than 57 American Institute of Architects awards for design excellence and the inaugural recipient of the Benjamin Latrobe Fellowship, will partner with Charlotte-based Gantt Huberman Architects, winner of the 2006 American Institute of Architects North Carolina Firm Award, on the project.

Situated at the intersection of Brevard and Ninth streets, the UNC Charlotte-Center City Building will provide 150,000 total square feet for offices and academic programs in graduate, professional and continuing education.

The undertaking is the first major urban facility in the University of North Carolina system. It will be located in the heart of Charlotte's bustling financial district, where students and faculty members will be able to rub shoulders with bankers, architects, technologists and other professionals.

UNC Charlotte Chancellor Philip L. Dubois has made the project one of his top priorities as the university expands its presence in the Charlotte region. The university expects to serve 25,000 students by 2012 and as many as 35,000 students by 2020.

"The importance of UNC Charlotte's presence in the Center City was reflected in the large number of very high quality submissions we received from some of the best architectural firms around," Dubois said. "In KieranTimberlake, we get nationally recognized urban design talent with significant experience in higher education; in Gantt Huberman, we get a staff of professionals who know Charlotte, the opportunities of our building site, and the state construction process. It will be a perfect team."

Ken Lambla, AIA, dean of UNC Charlotte's College of Architecture, said the design team selection sends a message to the city and the entire architectural community.

"This building will demonstrate, through elegance, truly public architecture, and sustainability, our goals of intellectual leadership and community engagement," he said.

"The architectural team chosen is internationally recognized for its capability to produce innovative, best practices in design in transitional urban sites like First Ward," Lambla said, referring to the location of the new building. "We look forward to being the lead building in the emergence of this area of Charlotte."

In 2006, state lawmakers approved \$45.8 million for the construction of the building, which is set to open sometime in 2010. The architectural work and selection of construction managers began in February.

The Center City Building will be home to the Belk College of Business graduate programs, including the MBA and the new MBA in Sports Marketing and Management. Students also will study graduate-level programs in engineering management, health administration, information technology, public administration, urban design, organizational science, public history, liberal studies, and other fields.

The building also will provide space for the Office of Continuing Education, and it will house the Charlotte Community Design Studio. A 300-seat hall can be used for lectures, recitals and conferences.

Currently, the university occupies 13,000 net square feet in the Mint Museum of Craft + Design in downtown Charlotte.

New Campus Warning System Installed

In January UNC Charlotte installed an outdoor warning siren system to alert students, faculty, staff and visitors of potentially harmful conditions such as tornadoes, high winds, bomb threats, hazardous material leaks and other major emergencies.

The new system, consisting of a siren and public address speakers, is audible in all areas of the UNC Charlotte campus. It is mounted atop the Dalton Tower of the Atkins Library.

Officials said nearby residents in the University City area will also benefit from the warning system because it will be heard in some neighborhoods surrounding the campus.

There are many sources of information about emergency situations located around the campus, but they are mostly indoors, such as phones, televisions, radios and computers. School officials wanted a system to warn people who are outside, for example those walking across campus or playing on athletic fields, to potential hazards.

The outdoor alarm will only be used in emergency situations that require getting everyone's attention rapidly. The system will be tested once each semester and the tests will be announced beforehand.

This system will greatly enhance the university's ability to provide a timely warning to anyone who is outdoors on our campus, as well as in some nearby neighborhoods. The system is not designed to be heard indoors, but may be heard inside buildings nearest to the library.

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Professor Selected for Prestigious Fellowship



Cheryl L. Brown, Ph.D.

Cheryl L. Brown, Ph.D., associate professor of political science, is one of only 39 American Council on Education (ACE) Fellows chosen for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Established in 1965, The ACE Fellows Program is designed to strengthen institutions and leadership in American higher education. It seeks to identify and prepare promising senior faculty and administrators for executive management positions.

Brown will work with a college or university president and other senior officers at a host institution, focusing on an issue of concern to UNC Charlotte. She will confer with ACE to determine specifically which university she will work with; her appointment begins this fall.

Of the more than 1,500 participants in the first 42 years of the program, more than 300 have become chief executive officers and more than 1,100 have become provosts, vice presidents or deans.

Brown teaches courses in Chinese politics, East Asian foreign policy, language and politics, cyberspace and politics, Internet law and policy, and comparative politics. She is a Provost Faculty Fellow in Academic Affairs, exploring projects on e-learning.

Anthropology Professor, Authority on Human Evolution, Named Science Fellow

Jonathan Marks, professor of anthropology at UNC Charlotte, was awarded the distinction of Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Election as a Fellow is an honor bestowed upon AAAS members by their peers.

This year 449 members have been awarded this honor by AAAS because of their scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications. Marks is one of 13 anthropologists selected for the honor.

New Fellows were presented with an official certificate and a gold and blue (representing science and engineering, respectively) rosette pin in February at the Fellows Forum during the 2007 AAAS Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Marks is nationally known as a commentator, critic, evaluator, and anthropological observer of the field of human genetics.

First Citizens Honors Ken Bost for Research in Immune System Response, Vaccines



Ken Bost, Ph.D.

For his cutting-edge research in such disciplines as human immune-system response and the use of soybeans to deliver vaccines, biology professor Ken Bost is the 2007 recipient of the First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal.

First Citizens Bank and UNC Charlotte recognized Bost's vast accomplishments at a ceremony in March. It is the 20th anniversary of the award, which was created in 1987 as UNC Charlotte's top honor for faculty scholarship and intellectual inquiry.

Bost, who holds the Irwin Belk Endowed Chair in Biology, has been awarded continuous funding from the National Institutes of Health for his research. He is currently engaged in three projects with total funding in excess of \$2 million. While at UNC Charlotte, Bost has been very active in research in human immune-system response and the use of soybeans to deliver vaccines. He developed his ideas into the start-up company SoyMeds Inc., which has the potential in the future to provide easily produced, administered and transported vaccines around the world.

Bost has made numerous notable contributions to the field of biology, and his research on immunology has gained widespread recognition for the advancements he has made in the field.

Reading Education Professor Honored with Top Mentoring Award

Dr. Karen D. Wood is the recipient of The University of North Carolina at Charlotte's 2007 Harshini V. de Silva Graduate Mentor Award. A professor of reading education who has taught at UNC Charlotte since 1982, Wood was presented with the award in February at an evening reception on campus.



Karen D. Wood, Ph.D.

"Learning to read with fluency and understanding is foundational to educational success," said Mary Lynne Calhoun, dean of the College of Education. "Karen Wood's commitment to the preparation of great teachers of reading and her generosity in mentoring means that many more children and young people will attain this level of success."

Wood is the author of more than 175 articles, chapters and books. As a renowned speaker, Wood has been a presenting expert at countless regional, national and international conferences. Each spring, she coaches her graduate students enrolled in Collaborative Leadership in Literacy as they learn – among other skills – planning professional presentations.

Wood received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Psychology from Catawba College and went on to receive Educational Specialist and Master's degrees in Reading Education (K-12) from Appalachian State University and a Ph.D. in Reading Education (K-12) from the University of Georgia. She is a former reading teacher and specialist and K-12 instructional coordinator in the public schools, joining the faculty of UNC Charlotte in 1982.



Athletics Director Judy Rose, Karen Aston and Chancellor Philip L. Dubois

49ers Name Aston Women's Basketball Head Coach

Lutz stays with men's team

Former Baylor associate head coach Karen Aston took the helm as the 49ers new head women's basketball coach on April 27. Aston is the seventh head coach in the 32-year history of the 49ers women's basketball program.

Aston, who is considered one of the best recruiters in college basketball, has spent the past 13 years coaching at the NCAA Division I level in Texas.

"I am incredibly excited and honored to lead the women's program here at Charlotte," Aston said. "I have been waiting patiently for this opportunity in my career and am so grateful to Judy Rose and the entire administration for believing in my vision and my passion for coaching. The previous staff did a tremendous job laying the groundwork for future success and my intentions are to pick up where they left off."

Aston takes over a Charlotte 49ers women's basketball program that has made a school-record five straight postseason appearances and won 100 games during that five-year stretch. The 2007-08 team returns 10 letter winners.

Aston comes to Charlotte after spending this past season as associate head coach at Baylor. She helped the Bears win 26 games and reach the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Prior to joining the Baylor coaching staff last season, she spent eight years on the University of Texas coaching staff from 1998-2006. She was the Longhorn's basketball recruiting coordinator and on the court she primarily worked with Texas' defense and post players.

Aston replaces Amanda Butler, who was named head coach of Florida earlier this month.

Also in April, men's head basketball coach Bobby Lutz decided to stay with the 49ers by turning down an offer from the University of South Alabama.

In an open letter to the UNC Charlotte community, Lutz wrote, "I am accustomed to success, and make no mistake, we will be successful on and off the court. We have been to post-season play in the NCAA on numerous occasions and won conference championships and those days are coming again. My commitment level to those goals is stronger than ever."



Charlotte 49ers Notebook: New Faces in Soccer, Volleyball

This fall, the 49ers will have two new faces patrolling the sidelines for their athletic teams.

Jeremy Gunn is Charlotte's sixth men's soccer coach. He comes to Charlotte after a successful eight-year stint as head coach of Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. He led Fort Lewis to three NCAA Division II National Championship games including the 2005 National championship.

In 2005, he was named Division II national coach of the year.

Gunn earned conference coach of the year honors five times. He began his coaching career as an assistant coach at his alma mater Cal-State Bakersfield in 1993. Gunn helped Cal-State Bakersfield to the 1997 NCAA Division II national championship and the 1995 Final Four. As a player, he earned first team All-America honors at Cal-State Bakersfield. After his collegiate career, Gunn played several seasons of professional soccer.



Jeremy Gunn

Chris Redding is Charlotte's 10th head volleyball coach. He comes to Charlotte after serving the past four seasons as assistant coach at the University of Alabama. During his time at Alabama, the Crimson Tide reached the NCAA Tournament twice. Before joining the Alabama coaching staff he spent four seasons as head coach of Appalachian State.

Redding has 14 years of collegiate volleyball coaching experience and has been an assistant at the University of Florida, the University of North Florida, the University of the Pacific and Cal State Bakersfield. He has been a part of coaching staffs that have made six NCAA Division I tournament appearances, including a Final Four team with Florida in 1998. At the Division II level, Redding was on the staff of two-time National Runners-Up at Cal-State Bakersfield.



Chris Redding

Jackson Named Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at UNC Charlotte

At press time in late May, Chancellor Philip Dubois had announced that he would recommend the appointment of Dr. Arthur R. Jackson as vice chancellor for student affairs when the Board of Trustees convenes on June 1. Once approved, it was expected that Jackson would start in his new position on Aug. 7.

Since 2000, Jackson served as vice president for student affairs at Westfield State College in Westfield, Mass., where he managed a \$14.1 million budget and 92 professional and support personnel. Jackson has also held an adjunct faculty appointment in the Division of Graduate and Continuing Education teaching courses dealing with topics in higher education.

Prior to that post, Jackson was vice president of student affairs and an associate professor at Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Va. He has nearly 20 years of experience at research extensive universities, including the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

A search was launched in February following Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Chuck Lynch's announcement that he planned to retire this summer after serving at UNC Charlotte for almost 34 years. The search committee considered 115 applications for the position.

Jackson will be in charge of a division with an overall budget of more than \$34 million, including more than 330 employees. A new \$65 million student union will be completed over the next two years.

Jackson has been a professor in the area of multicultural education and higher education administration for the past 17 years. He has lectured at such institutions as Brown University, Springfield College, Central Connecticut State University, Cornell University, and the University of Maryland at College Park.

He is the current chair of the Region 1 Public Policy Committee for the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. Jackson also has been awarded the Distinguished Accomplishment Award by this organization.



Arthur R. Jackson

DeVos Named Director of Athletic Annual Fund

In March, Mike Hummer, Executive Director of the Charlotte 49ers Athletic Foundation, announced the hiring of Charlotte Athletic Department 14-year veteran Dan DeVos as director of the Athletic Annual Fund. DeVos, who has most recently served as associate athletic director for marketing and ticket operations, replaces Mike Roach, who was hired by UNC Greensboro as director of the Spartan Club.

"We're very excited to have Dan in the position of Director of the Athletic Annual Fund," said Hummer. "He brings a wealth of knowledge of our current 49er Club base and has an outstanding feel for the Charlotte community and the 49ers' alumni base."

DeVos has been a member of the 49ers Athletic Department for the past 14 years working primarily in the 49ers' ticketing, marketing, sponsorship and event management departments.

A 1991 graduate of the University of Charleston, where he was a four-year baseball letterwinner, DeVos earned his master's degree in sports management from West Virginia University in 1993. He was named associate athletic director of marketing for the 49ers in 2004. Prior to that position, he served as assistant A.D. for marketing and ticket operations for three years (2001-2004), director of sales and ticket operations (1999-2001) and ticket manager from 1994-1999. He began his career as an intern in the ticket office in 1993-1994.

"I'm very excited about this new professional opportunity to help the 49er Club reach its goal of fully funding athletic scholarships," said DeVos.



Dan DeVos

Doug Bacon Named Associate Director for Community Outreach

In late January, the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute announced that Douglas B. Bacon, former executive director of MPACT MEMPHIS in Memphis, Tenn., had joined the Institute's staff as associate director for community outreach.

As associate director, Bacon is responsible for developing and maintaining Institute communications and outreach initiatives, planning the Institute's annual conference, and managing the faculty stipend program. In addition, he is collaborating with Institute Director Jeff Michael to develop and launch a Regional Indicators Project, which is a quality of life benchmarking plan.

At MPACT MEMPHIS, Bacon was the senior staff executive for the 1,000-member organization engaging Memphis' emerging leaders in initiatives designed to improve the city.

Prior to MPACT, Bacon was vice president for small business/area councils for the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. He was responsible for small business networking, education, training and recognition programming representing 4,200 of the Chamber's then 5,000 member businesses.



Douglas B. Bacon

Former United Way Fundraiser Joins UNC Charlotte Development Staff

Gayle Sims named director of corporate and foundation relations



Gayle Sims

UNC Charlotte announced in January that Gayle Sims, who was the director of the Million Dollar Circle and the Women's Leadership Initiative at the United Way of Central Carolinas, had joined the Office of University Development staff as director of corporate and foundation relations.

Sims serves as a member of the senior management team in development and is responsible for designing and executing strategies to identify, cultivate and solicit major gifts from corporations and foundations.

At the United Way, Sims was responsible for soliciting corporate gifts and managing relationships with significant Charlotte companies that contribute more than \$1 million each to the United Way, including Bank of America, Wachovia, Duke Energy, Microsoft and Carolinas HealthCare System. She was responsible for raising half (\$20.9 million) of the 2004 United Way community campaign goal.

Prior to joining the United Way of Central Carolinas, Sims was national corporate leadership program account manager for the United Way of America. She acted as the interface between United Way and Fortune 500 companies such as FedEx, General Motors, Kellogg, Dow Chemical, Lowe's Inc. and Aetna.

UNC Charlotte Alumna Serves as Media Contact in PR Department



Buffie Stephens

One of UNC Charlotte's diehard graduates joined the Public Relations Department in January as its full-time media relations coordinator. Denise Buff "Buffie" Stephens '78 is one of two frontline contacts when reporters call. She also writes news releases, pitches stories to reporters and publishes a popular weekly Tip Sheet to Charlotte region journalists.

Stephens began working for the PR department on a temporary contract basis more than a year ago, and then joined the team permanently at the first of this year. She brings to the team a background in magazine publishing with Charlotte Magazine and in marketing communication with advertising agencies in Charlotte. She has been an active supporter of UNC Charlotte for years.

"Besides being a delightful, talented person and a dedicated alumna, Buffie is great at building relationships and getting things done," said John Bland, director of public relations. "She's heavily invested in UNC Charlotte emotionally and that dedication comes through in her enthusiasm for her work. She is a tremendous addition to our team."

Rossi Chosen as Alumni Affairs Director

Gilbert Rossi has joined UNC Charlotte as director of alumni affairs. He came to UNC Charlotte in May from Virginia Commonwealth University where he served as executive director of university alumni relations. He also served in alumni affairs at Rider University, where he earned a Master's of Business Administration and a bachelor of science in decision science and computing. His professional affiliations and certifications are numerous.

Rossi reports to Vice Chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs Niles Sorensen.

Rossi's responsibilities include building a complete alumni program, connecting alumni to the University, building affinity, increasing the breadth of philanthropy across the alumni body, and cultivating select alumni to make major gifts. Specifically, he is focusing on several major initiatives:

- Develop a strategic plan for alumni relations
- Expand and maintain the alumni database
- Serve as principal staff officer of the Alumni Board of Directors
- Develop a substantial volunteer alumni force
- Develop and manage a facility plan for the Harris Alumni Center
- Develop and manage a full program of on-campus and off-campus alumni events
- Create and implement a program of alumni communications
- Complete and implement a feasibility study regarding a dues-based alumni association

Nick McEntire '01, who had served as interim director of alumni affairs and previously as assistant director, remains on the team as associate director.



Gilbert Rossi



Niles Sorensen

*We had students coming from homes where
they never even shared a bathroom.*

Chuck Lynch at work.

*Options &
opportunities
to make UNC Charlotte
a great*

With Chuck Lynch...

Students Come **FIRST**

With retirement approaching,

Chuck Lynch

Think back to what made your college career memorable. More than likely it wasn't the intense classroom discussion – although maybe it should have been – but everything you did outside of the classroom. If you lived on campus, played intramural sports or joined student organizations, you know that being involved outside of the classroom is what makes those college memories that last for years. But what you may not know is that for the past 34 years Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Chuck Lynch has been the driving force in making sure as many students as possible walk away with that experience. Now Lynch is retiring, leaving a legacy of innovation, progress and total commitment to student well-being.

"Chuck has committed himself to improving the lives of students for his entire career at UNC Charlotte," said UNC Charlotte Chancellor Philip L. Dubois. "It is no exaggeration to say that Chuck Lynch is an institution at UNC Charlotte." His legacy has been so great that the university has renamed Cypress Hall – one of the newer, red brick dorms on the north side of campus – Charles F. Lynch Hall. "Chuck has left an imprint of historic proportions on the campus and renaming a residence hall in his honor will make that legacy tangible for all to see."

Chuck Lynch arrived at UNC Charlotte in 1973 – a magical time when the best selling record albums came from K-Tel and Ronco. Quadrophonic stereo sound and CB radios were becoming the rage. And on college campuses war protests had largely given way to streaking. Leisure suits and big hair – on men – were stylish, and disco had yet to reach the southern piedmont.

Amid this groovy milieu came a man from the University of Miami.

When Lynch first arrived, about 6,000 students attended the University. Almost all of them were undergrads from the Charlotte region and many of them went home for the weekends, leaving a largely rural campus to those who liked to mellow out in the various woods and canyons and take an occasional dip in Hechenbleikner Lake.

Since then, the University's enrollment has grown to more than 21,000 with the percentage of new freshman growing more rapidly than any other group. Accommodating so many people can easily become overwhelming, but Lynch has maintained steady progress in helping change the face of the University. In every position he has held, he has initiated change.

Chill the Beer; Burn the Couches

Things did not always run smoothly for Chuck Lynch.

A year after he took on the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Position, the 49ers won the 1988 Sun Belt Conference men's basketball title, their first conference title since 1977.

The victory guaranteed them a spot in the NCAA tournament and sent students into a frenzy. The excitement was so great; nearly 2,000 students responded by carrying couches, couch cushions, wood pieces and other furniture from the resident halls and created a bonfire on the front field. Once outside they added campus signs, uprooted trees and toilet tissue to keep the flame going. Fans packed local convenience stores to stock up on the necessary amenities, such as beer and of course more toilet tissue. Television crews arrived to capture the scene but many left once they were met by the boisterous crowd who began rocking their trucks.

Jacklyn Simpson recalls the scene, "I remember Student Affairs staff walking the perimeter of the front field in some attempt at crowd control and I came upon some guy who turned around and proceeded to urinate on my shoe! I remember Chuck always teasing me about how that one loafer always had a better shine to it than the other one!"

The overall scene was one of freedom, pride and fun. It had the potential of getting out of control but remained a lighthearted celebration. No arrests were made but police did pass out their fair share of parking tickets. If you found this story a little too funny you were probably one of those students.



Students celebrate 1988 Sun Belt Conference championship

Gonna Hammer in the Mornin', Gonna Hammer in the Evenin'

Lynch came to UNC Charlotte as director of housing just as the fourth high-rise dormitory was being finished. At that time, the dorms were the tallest buildings between uptown Charlotte and campus. But despite the new towers, Lynch could see that students needed more options.

"We had students coming from homes where they never even shared a bedroom, so I knew we had to offer these students more privacy," he said. From his vision grew Hunt Village, the first low-rise apartment at UNC Charlotte and one of the first of its kind nationwide. During these early years, Lynch showed how hands-on he could be. When his budget was running short on one of the student apartment projects, Lynch and some of his colleagues came in on weekends and hand-built bookshelves for many of the units in Hunt Village. Those bookshelves lasted for more than 20 years; when they were replaced, colleagues awarded Lynch one set of shelves as a keepsake.

By 1978, gasoline prices had rocketed to 65 cents per gallon, Elvis had "left the building" for the last time and Lynch was promoted to dean of students. Now that students were starting to have more options on where to live on campus, Lynch began focusing on novel ways to cultivate the leadership potential of incoming freshman. He started by masterminding freshman-only housing.

Placing 500 18-19 year old students in one building was definitely a learning experience for Lynch and his department, but the experiment worked. There are now three such buildings on campus, housing a total of 1,250 freshmen.

By concentrating freshmen in exclusive dorms, Lynch had a foothold for his next innovation, the Emerging Leaders program, aimed at developing future campus leaders.

"My college experience definitely would be different if I had not done Emerging Leaders," said Matthew Schill, student coordinator for Emerging Leaders.

"I was a commuter my freshmen year. If I hadn't gotten involved, I probably would not have connected with the campus. I would still be quiet and I probably wouldn't have the friends I have now. And I definitely wouldn't have the positions such as resident advisor or orientation counselor if I didn't get involved."

During this era Lynch also established Leadership Fellows, Programs in Leadership and Organizational Training and laid the groundwork for the Center for Leadership Development.

Master of His Domain

In March of 1987, Nintendo's Super Mario Brothers was transfixing kids of all ages, a postage stamp cost 24 cents and – lest anyone forget – Portugal signed a treaty to return Macau to China.

Back at UNC Charlotte, Lynch was appointed vice chancellor of student affairs, a sprawling domain that now includes more than 200 professional staff in residence life, Counseling Center, Health Center, Dean of Students Office, Bonnie Cone University Center, recreational facilities, intramurals and financial aid. From that vantage point he has had his hand in almost every new program that has grown from those departments in the last two decades.

He has approved many of the 250 student organizations on campus and endorsed expanded recreational offerings in club sports, intramurals and fitness programs. Today, UNC Charlotte even offers an equestrian club and a lacrosse club team.

"If you have not been to the UNC Charlotte campus lately, you should definitely make a visit," Lynch said. "It is a very different place than previous years. It is academically more advanced, it is more sophisticated and there is a real connection between the students and the campus." All the ideas of the past several years are coming to a head with the completion of the new student health center, the recent ground breaking for the Student Union and the progress on Greek Village, all of which Lynch influenced.

"Options and opportunities make UNC Charlotte a great place to study and live," Lynch said. "Students can choose from many different living arrangements through the diverse facilities and programs in Housing and can participate with our faculty in their research efforts. UNC Charlotte is also a better place because of the evolving recognition that the economic development of the region is inextricably tied to the development of UNC Charlotte."

With each new development come new issues to overcome, but Lynch has taken each one in stride. In the 1980s, students presented the idea of Greek Village, housing for Greek lettered organizations, to Lynch. The idea seemed easy enough but has since turned into one of the most difficult construction projects the University has dealt with. "He believes so strongly in what this housing area will mean to Greek life at UNC Charlotte that he has never given up. In the end, Greek Village will exist on this campus because of the commitment, belief and effort of Chuck Lynch," says Jacklyn Simpson, associate vice chancellor and director of housing and residence life. The 14 buildings of Greek Village are now nearing completion and will be occupied by students this fall (see related article on page 20).

Joy Through Laughter

Lynch describes the demeanor of the University as "having the spirit of cooperation." Speak to anyone who has worked with him and they will tell you the same; he is that spirit of cooperation. "He is a good listener and a wise counselor," says Director of Student Affairs Marcia Kiessling, who has worked with Lynch for more than 10 years. "He has the ability to see issues broadly and understand complexities of situations. He has a wonderful ability to balance priorities and to seek long-term change and inter-departmental cooperation and collaboration."

You can see this in the everyday interactions that he has with faculty, staff and students. The roaring laughter of his department's staff meetings may sound like a party from the outside, but everyone in attendance leaves knowing exactly what they need to accomplish and how they need to do it.

"Chuck is able to help us put things, even the serious and sometimes the sad and somber, into their proper perspective," says Ted Elling, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. "Chuck makes sure that we experience a good dose of joy through laughter that provides us with a wonderful balance to the many serious issues that we often need to

Gone Fishing

With retirement approaching – his target date is ASAP – Lynch has no intentions of staying still. He and his wife, Nancy, still want to travel and spend more time with their four grown children and four grandchildren.

He also wants to make use of the boat that has been sitting in his driveway for some time. An experienced fisherman, Lynch is looking forward to having more time in the water to go “where the real fishing is” – about 20 to 30 miles out to sea. According to Lynch, it takes careful planning combined with sunny days and cooperating ocean conditions to have the best experience, a combination not always easy to pull together on a weekend trip. Now, he’ll have the time to keep a close eye on the weather and strike while the fish are biting. He and Nancy plan to relocate to Sunset Beach, N.C.

Lynch credits his fulfilling career to the optimistic environment of the campus, the positive student relationship and the great staff members of the University.

“Certainly the great leadership we have been blessed with over the years from Bonnie Cone – who remains an inspiration to all of us who knew her – and to Chancellors Colvard, Fretwell, Woodward and now Dubois,” says Lynch. “My years here have been greatly enriched from working with all of these dedicated leaders, as well as the great student leaders that I have had the opportunity to work with.”

“As far as faculty leaders, one really stands out and that is Loy Witherspoon. He certainly has carried Bonnie’s spirit into all corners of this University and continues to dedicate himself to the development of this University even though he retired several years ago.”

Even though he is leaving, Lynch still has big aspirations for the University. “I think the most significant difference will be a highly active weekend campus life – football or not,” he said. “We are slowly developing the facilities necessary to support a more vibrant campus, especially with the beginning of construction of the Student Union, the completion of Greek Village and development of additional student housing, a new outdoor recreation complex and a Campus Recreation Center with courts, pool and fitness areas.”

Even after 34 years – and in keeping with the legacy he leaves UNC Charlotte – Chuck Lynch’s vision is clear and focused on the future.

Sabrina Goins is a UNC Charlotte junior from Fayetteville, majoring in public relations. She served as an intern in the Public Relations Department during spring semester 2007.



Staff meetings with Chuck Lynch were known for uproarious laughter as well as serious business.

process in our meetings. He keeps staff grounded in historical perspective and is extremely well read, soft-spoken and humble.”

If a student approaches him, the initially intimidating encounter suddenly fades once they see he genuinely wants to hear what they have to say. His history with the University has not clouded his acceptance of new ideas and he never lets someone’s suggestions go unexplored. Lynch keeps a constant connection with students and remembers many of them on a first name basis. They, of course, have been affected by him as well.

When asked about some students who stood out in his mind, Lynch wasted no time to beam about the great graduates the University has produced.

“The best part of my job is serving as advisor to the Student Body President, and we have had many great ones. Typically, the way I advise them is to get out of their way as they develop ways to make the campus better for the students who will follow. It is so grateful to see these former leaders now giving back to the University in different and significant ways.

“Karen Popp comes to mind first, who helped start our first student leadership program. She has been a member of the University Foundation Board and will continue to give back in significant ways to UNC Charlotte. Demond Martin recently followed Karen as a member of the University Foundation Board and while Student Body President, he secured funding and implemented a campus shuttle transportation program in 1994 that most people here thought was a novel idea beginning this year. More recently, Beau Memory was a tireless leader whose efforts on the highly successful UNC System Facilities Bond Campaign contributed significantly to the University’s \$192 million allotment that enabled us to double our academic space on campus.” Lynch could go on about more influential students with the same pride a father would have for his own kids.

His impact has been so great that the housing and residence life department started the Chuck Lynch Awards. “These are awards given at the end of each academic year that celebrate the best of the best in a variety of categories, such as the best high-rise residence hall, the best suite area, or the best apartment area,” says Simpson. “It isn’t often an award is given in the name of a person who is still actively working. In fact in giving the awards, Chuck usually comments on how unusual it is to have an award in your name and you’re not dead yet. Chuck has been on every selection committee and has made the presentations every year.”

At his going-away “Beach Party” Chuck Lynch (in hat) pauses with (from left): Chancellor Emeritus James H. Woodward, Director of Housing and Residence Life Jacklyn Simpson, Nancy Lynch and Chancellor Philip L. Dubois. The photograph shows Charles F. Lynch Hall, formerly Cypress Hall.



BRICKS & MORTAR GALORE

by John D. Bland

The next time you visit UNC Charlotte's main campus, it will look markedly different than before.

Whether you were here a year ago, a month ago or even a week ago, change is constant. The thousand acre campus is evolving significantly and steadily, fast becoming a true landmark for the Charlotte region.

By the time this edition of UNC Charlotte lands in your mailbox, here are several major construction projects that will have been completed or are well underway since January 1: the College of Health and Human Services Building, Harris Alumni Center, Student Health Center, Greek Village, Robert and Mariam Hayes Baseball Stadium, the widening of Cameron Boulevard near Toby Creek Rd., construction of a new parking deck at Cameron and Craver roads and groundbreaking at the new Student Union's future site.

The groundbreaking for the new campus front entrance on U.S. 49 and the Bioinformatics building on U.S. 29 (Charlotte Research Institute campus) will begin later this summer, as will design work on the Center City Classroom building.

What's all of this new construction mean to students and faculty? It means an ever greater educational experience – academically and socially. Life will be better for the entire campus community. What's it mean to you who are alumni? It means – we hope – an explosion of pride in your alma mater and an increased desire to come to campus for sports, the arts, programs and alumni events. What's it mean to you who are “friends” of UNC Charlotte? It means that you will be wowed by your only public research university in the greater Charlotte region. It means that your community has a stronger, more vital and more vibrant hub between uptown and the racetrack. And for those of you who haven't been to campus lately, don't be a stranger! Come see what you've helped build.

The following round-up provides information, photos and illustrations of new facilities and things to come, as of our May 4 press deadline.

Generally, the entire center of gravity on campus is shifting from Belk Tower to the plaza between the College of Health and Human Services and the College of Education. Within a stone's throw from that plaza will stand the Student Union, Woodward Hall, Miltimore-Wallis training center, Barnhardt Student Activity Center, Atkins Library and a walking bridge from the Student Union to the newest dormitories.

Student Union



Size: 196,000 square feet **Investment:** \$65 million
Uses: Bookstore, movie theaters, food court, meeting space

The Student Union is UNC Charlotte's largest and most expensive construction project to date – a \$65 million multi-purpose facility that will be paid for entirely by student fees and bookstore revenues. It will replace the Cone University Center – built to accommodate a student population of approximately 6,000 (compared to current enrollment of more than 21,500) – as students' central meeting place and is expected to open in 2009.

The 196,000-square-foot union's massive presence and versatile uses will make it an immediate campus hub. The University's master plan calls for shifting the center of campus to the north, where many of the newest dorms have been built. Eventually, all residential and dining facilities will be located on the north side. The anticipated Northeast Corridor light-rail line – which is still several years away – would run through campus with a stop near Student Union's adjacent parking deck.

"Students are spread all over this campus and there's no one focal point for them to come together and congregate. This will finally give us that piece," said Chuck Lynch, vice chancellor for student affairs. "UNC Charlotte needs a new student union to accommodate a rapidly growing student body. As of last fall, we had 21,519 students, but our enrollment plan projects 35,000 students by 2020."

The University raised its student fees from \$356 to \$406 for the 2007-08 school year. It will use \$210 of the \$406 fee to pay down the 25-year debt on the Student Union. Several hundred students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends attended an April 18 "pavement breaking" event at the site.

Main Entrance



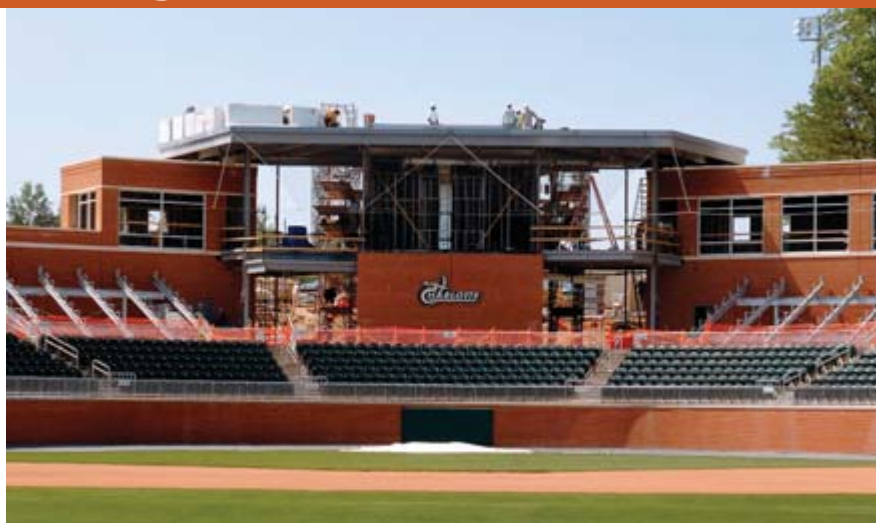
Location: 750 feet south of the existing entrance
Investment: \$2.1 million
Scope: Two-lane divided road, bicycle lanes, traffic roundabout and 30-foot brick pylon

As we look forward to our continued growth as a research University, we must have an entrance that speaks not only to our status as an institution, but also more safely and effectively manages the traffic to and from campus each day. Located about 750 feet south of the existing entrance on University City Boulevard (U.S. 49), the new entrance will include a distinctive new sign featuring a 30-foot-high brick pylon. An attractive, landscaped two-lane divided road, with bicycle lanes, will lead to a traffic circle. A new traffic signal at the entrance, combined with turning lanes into and away from the campus, will facilitate traffic flow and pedestrian safety. Eventually, we hope to add eight additional 20-foot tall brick pylons along Highway 49 to signal the arrival of faculty, staff, students and visitors at UNC Charlotte. The first phase of the project is funded, in part, by a generous donation from The Dickson Foundation Inc. and Harris Teeter Inc.

Robert & Mariam Hayes Stadium

Seating capacity: 1,100
Investment: \$5.9 million
Features: Dugouts, entrance plaza, press box, hospitality suite

A generous gift from Mrs. Mariam Cannon Hayes, one of this campus' most generous benefactors, has made possible a \$5.9 million improvement project for the area in and around the 49ers baseball field. The renovation provides for tiered stadium seats, dugouts, utilities and fencing, an entrance plaza, ticket office, press box, hospitality suite, second-tier bleachers, restrooms, and concessions.



College of Health & Human Services



College of Health and Human Services Building dedication

Size: 163,000 square feet **Investment:** \$31.2 million
Tenants: College of Health and Human Services, Office of International Programs, Institute for Social Capital
Features: Classrooms, laboratories and conference space

Crowned by a distinctive copper cupola, the College of Health and Human Services Building is an instant landmark of academic excellence. A 163,000 square-foot facility, the building houses UNC Charlotte's College of Health and Human Services, Office of International Programs and the Institute for Social Capital. It comprises 34 classrooms, six laboratories, and numerous conference/seminar rooms and offices for staff and faculty members.

The last of several buildings on UNC Charlotte's campus authorized by the North Carolina General Assembly's 2000 Higher Education Bond Bill, the College of Health and Human Services Building borders one side of an impressive, pedestrian-friendly plaza that is already a major thoroughfare for students, faculty and staff.

Center City Building

Size: 150,000 square feet **Investment:** \$45.8 million
Uses: Belk College of Business graduate programs, graduate-level programs in engineering management, health administration, information technology, public administration, urban design, organizational science, public history, liberal studies, Office of Continuing Education and the Charlotte Community Design Studio

Unlike our existing space in the Mint Museum of Craft and Design building, the new freestanding building provides an obvious physical beach head for the University in uptown Charlotte. It will be located along the future light-rail line to the main campus and will be the first urban building to be constructed in the UNC system. It also will contain a 300-seat hall that can be used for lectures, small recitals and conferences. Advanced program planning is complete. A large public park is envisioned between our building and ImaginOn, two blocks to the south, with a major multi-level parking structure located underground. Assuming that all proceeds as scheduled, the doors will open in early 2010.

Bioinformatics Research Center

Size: 95,000 square feet
Investment: \$35 million
Uses: Programs in functional genomics, systems biology, proteomics and molecular genetics

The Bioinformatics Research Center will provide laboratories for faculty and graduate students as well as space for collaboration with industry. The building will house facilities for programs in Functional Genomics, Systems Biology, Proteomics and Molecular Genetics. A major goal of the Center is the development and use of sophisticated computational technologies to solve important problems related to medicine and health, agriculture, energy, and the environment. The design and development phase for the building is complete, with construction scheduled to begin in June 2007. The scheduled completion date is fall 2009. The \$35 million appropriation for this building was made by the North Carolina General Assembly in 2005.

Greek Village



Scope: 14 buildings
Features: 350 beds and other accommodations for students

Fourteen new buildings will serve six University-recognized sororities and seven fraternities with separate residential units. The fourteenth building will be a residence advisor's house. Common outdoor spaces will create a park-like setting for activities and events and will serve as a centerpiece for the Greek Community. Overall, the project adds 350 beds to our on-campus housing inventory. The project site is between Campus Walk Condominiums and Campus Edge Apartments and abuts the campus on the north side of Hawthorne Hall. Construction should be completed this summer; Greek organizations will be moved in as their units are ready.

John D. Bland is director of public relations at UNC Charlotte.

New Home

Allen Tate
Great Hall

THE HARRIS ALUMNI CENTER IS NOW OPEN

This year, for the first time in UNC Charlotte history, 49er alumni have a place to call their own. The Harris Alumni Center is now open. Located on Cameron Boulevard on UNC Charlotte's campus, the 13,000 square-foot facility houses the UNC Charlotte Alumni Association and provides a place for alumni to network with fellow 49er classmates.

"The Harris Alumni Center has been in the works for a long time, and it is truly wonderful to finally be able to call it home. We are thrilled with the building and are so proud to give 49er alumni a place to call home," said Nick McEntire, associate director of Alumni Affairs.

In addition to housing the Alumni Association, the Harris Alumni Center contains meeting space for up to 90 people and reception space for up to 250 people.

The Alumni Association has devised policies and procedures to allow private use of the facility. The Charlotte City Council held its three-day annual planning retreat in the Harris Alumni Center in late January and early February. A formal opening for the Harris Alumni Center was held in May.

"We hope our alumni will take the time to come by and see us. The Harris Alumni Center is for them, and we can't wait for them to see it," said McEntire.

If you would like more information on the Harris Alumni Center, please visit WWW.UNCCHARLOTTEALUMNI.ORG or call the Alumni Association at 704-687-7799.



Another view of the Great Hall

Facts:

- The 13,000 square-foot Harris Alumni Center provides meeting space for up to 90 people and reception space for up to 250 people.
- Dining room, located on the 1st floor, can hold 25 people for a reception or 16 people seated.
- The Great Hall, also on the 1st floor, can hold up to 150 people for a reception or 80 people seated.
- The lounge can hold 25 people for a reception or 10 people seated.
- The second floor meeting room can hold approximately 30 people for a reception or up to 16 people seated.
- The outdoor patio can also be used for receptions or meetings.
- All rooms are equipped with computer and internet access, as well as plasma televisions.

To find out more or to reserve the facility, please call the Alumni Association at 704-687-7799.

About UNC Charlotte Alumni Association:

The UNC Charlotte Alumni Association serves more than 75,000 alumni and leads efforts across the country to engage alumni and encourage involvement with the University.

For more information on the alumni association, please visit www.unccharlottealumni.org or call 704-687-7799.

The second floor includes Alumni Affairs offices



UNC Charlotte Development Staff Continues to Grow

New Additions Support Growth in Critical Fundraising Areas

UNC Charlotte recently announced the hiring of three key development professionals, signaling significant growth within the university's Development Office. In January, Gayle Sims (see p. 9) was named as director of corporate and foundation relations, and Anne Lambert was named as director of development for the College of Computing and Informatics. In February, Kathy Larson was named as the new director of development for the Graduate School and the J. Murrey Atkins Library.

As a member of the Development Office's senior management team, Sims will design and execute strategies to identify, cultivate and solicit major gifts from corporations and foundations for university priorities. As former director of the Million Dollar Circle and the Women's Leadership Initiative at the United Way of Central Carolinas, she



Anne Lambert

solicited gifts and managed relationships with Charlotte companies who contribute more than \$1 million each to the United Way.

Lambert and Lawson fill key positions on campus, as well as help extend the Development Office's services to additional constituents. Both will serve as the first dedicated development professional in their respective divisions, helping university administrators build donor relationships



Kathy Larson

and cultivate and solicit major gifts. Lambert previously served as president of her own fundraising and non-profit consulting firm, The Development Director's Office.

Larson previously served with Elon Homes for Children in Charlotte, where she secured major gifts from individuals and corporations. Prior to that position, she managed her own consulting firm, Kathy Larson & Associates, which provided contract fundraising, marketing and public relations services for nonprofit organizations. She also previously served as the executive director of the St. Francis Health Care Foundation in Shakopee, Minn., and as a financial planner for high net worth clients in Minneapolis. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from North Central University and is pursuing a certificate in fundraising management from Indiana University.

Got a Match? New Tool Enables Donors to Double, Even Triple Gift Impact

You've seen the ads everywhere: An employee solves everyday office scenarios easily and instantly with the push of a large, red button. The ad campaign has become so popular that the company even offers their so-called "Easy Button" in their stores, minus, of course, the easy, instant solution.

Now, thanks to a new online tool, UNC Charlotte is making it easier for donors to double, even triple, the impact of their private gifts to support the university.

While UNC Charlotte has offered a corporate matching gifts program for years, interested donors often had to do some legwork to determine whether their employer offered such a program and complete the appropriate paperwork. This fall, UNC Charlotte added an online national corporate matching gift search tool to help donors research their employers' eligibility or match requirements.

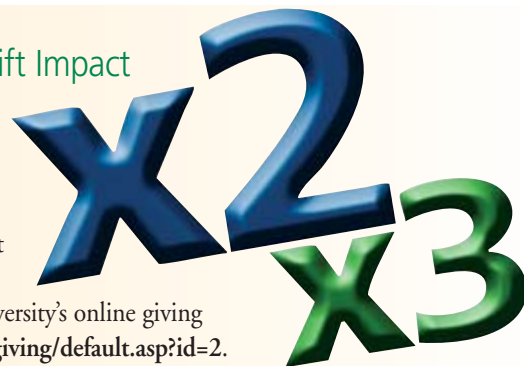
Offered in partnership with the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), the Matching Gift Company Search tool can be used to find participating employers; determine eligibility,

corporate matching levels and ratios; and find instructions for completing matching gift requests. The search tool

can be found on the university's online giving form at www.uncc.edu/giving/default.asp?id=2.

Nearly 8,000 companies across the country offer a matching gifts program as a valuable employee benefit. Matching gift programs are not only easy; they also offer a wonderful way for employees to leverage charitable gifts, providing even greater support for the causes that are most important to them. Ignite the power of your gift to UNC Charlotte with a matching gift today!

For more information about UNC Charlotte's matching gifts program, or to make a donation, please contact the Office of University Development at (704) 687-2271 or e-mail devadmin@email.uncc.edu.



www.giving.uncc.edu

Steep Trajectory Began at UNC Charlotte

For Demond Martin '97 and his wife, Kia (Murray) Martin '98, UNC Charlotte was a springboard that propelled both to new worlds of success and opportunity – like working at the White House and graduate education at Harvard, to name a few.

Before Harvard, and before Demond's job at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., both Martins earned undergraduate degrees at UNC Charlotte. Demond studied accounting, while Kia pursued a degree in elementary education. Both were heavily involved in extra-curricular activities. Kia stayed very busy with leadership positions within the University Transition Opportunities Program, Student Government Association, Emerging Leaders, Black Student Union (president) and the Kappa Kappa Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (president).

She also founded the Black Student Leadership Conference (now the Multicultural Leadership Conference), which still continues at UNC Charlotte.

"My vision for this conference was for student leaders to reach out and mentor others," said Kia, "so that more students could take a role in representing the academic and social concerns of black students on campus."

Likewise, Demond was very active outside of the classroom. Most notably, he served as president of the student body, president of his fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, and was chosen for membership in the Omicron Delta Kappa national honor society. "There is no set of experiences that has affected the trajectory of my life greater than the ones I had at UNC Charlotte," said Demond. "It was there that I had big successes and failures as a leader, gained lifelong friends, fueled my passion for business and met the love of my life – and for that I'm eternally grateful."

Following graduation, Demond met UNC Charlotte alumna Karen Popp, who was then serving as associate counsel to President Bill Clinton. That led to an internship with the vice president's staff, which in turn blossomed into a job as assistant to White House Chief of Staff (and now UNC System President) Erskine Bowles. "Serving as Erskine's assistant was the most incredible year of my life," said Demond. "It was a tremendous learning experience to work with such high-profile leaders."

Meanwhile back in Charlotte, Kia was teaching fourth grade at Paw Creek Elementary School, where she was named First-Year Teacher of the Year. Following his year working at the White House, Demond returned and the pair were married. Demond took a job with Arthur Anderson LLP, again making use of his 49er alumni connections. "We have a very powerful and giving alumni base," Demond said, "and without two fantastic UNC Charlotte alumni – Karen Popp and Russ Charlton (who hired me for my first real internship at Arthur Anderson) – my life would have been very different."

Subsequently, the Martins moved to Boston, where Kia taught second grade and was featured on CBS' "The Early Show" with Bryant Gumbel for her teachings on character development at the Martin Luther King Jr. School in Cambridge, Mass. Continually seeking new challenges, Demond entered Harvard Business School to pursue an MBA. Kia also focused on higher education at Harvard, earning her master's degree in language and literacy and her reading specialist certification.

After completing his graduate degree, Demond joined Adage Capital Management where he is a portfolio manager. He serves on

UNC Charlotte's Foundation Board and Roxbury Preparatory Charter School's Board, where he serves as treasurer. Kia has continued her graduate studies beyond the master's level and is currently a doctoral candidate at Harvard's School of Education.

"My research focus is on reading achievement of black males in special education," said Kia.

"I'm investigating whether the designation of special

education has an influence on the judgments that black males have of themselves as readers as it relates to their reading achievement, as compared to white, Hispanic and Asian males."

Despite all of their success in business, education and leadership, it is their 9-month-old daughter, Ava Kathryn, who is, in Kia's words, "our greatest accomplishment."

By Ben Baran

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Demond Martin



Significant support for the university is coming from throughout the university's extended community. Private support provides the necessary funding for advancements in technology, field research, artistic expression, athleticism, humanitarian efforts and countless other initiatives at UNC Charlotte.

AVEVA Engineering has donated an in-kind gift of VANTAGE Plant Design Management System software to the William States Lee College of Engineering. The VPD software enables multi-disciplinary teams of designers to work concurrently in 3-D on digital power plant models.

Parsons Corporation, Inc. has made a commitment to support annual scholarships for rising seniors enrolled in the William States Lee College of Engineering.

UNC System President **Erskine Bowles** has made a gift to support need-based scholarships at the university-wide level.

Eve Buchanan-Cates and J. Mark Cates have made two commitments to provide an endowed scholarship and endowed programmatic support for the Freshman Sophomore Learning Community in the College of Education.

Through the Wayland H. Cato, Jr. Foundation, **Wayland H. Cato Jr.** has made a commitment to provide endowed funding for need-based scholarships throughout the UNC System. Cato has also made another significant gift to support the Wayland H. Cato, Jr. Endowed Fellowship Fund in the Graduate School.

Peg Chapin and her daughter, **Tracey Krumel**, have made a commitment to establish and support an endowed social work scholarship fund in the College of Health and Human Services. The scholarship was established in honor of Chapin's husband, Edwin H. Chapin, MSW, a former member of the college's Social Work Community Advisory Board.

Irwin Industrial Tools and **Newell Rubbermaid** have made significant gifts to support the Senior Design Projects Fund and the Mechanical Innovations Program Fund in the William States Lee College of Engineering. Through several projects, students are encouraged to improve existing products by simplifying the design and reducing production costs.

Professor Emeritus **Robert John DeSanto** has made a gift to establish and support the Center for the Study of International Public Relations in the College of Arts and Sciences. The center's mission is to study the global effects of public relations efforts and to increase collaboration between professional and academic practitioners.

Defense Technologies has made a significant gift to support the Senior Design Projects Fund in the William States Lee College of Engineering. With this generous gift, students will be better able to develop a small, cost-efficient networked data link system to support unmanned air and ground vehicles.

Pease Associates has established an endowed scholarship for incoming freshmen in the College of Architecture. The scholarship is designed to cover half of a student's annual tuition and fees during the student's undergraduate career.

James and Beverly Hance have made a significant stock gift to support unrestricted priorities at UNC Charlotte. Unrestricted gifts generate much-needed, flexible assistance to address the university's most pressing needs immediately.

Mary K. Kneedler has made a gift to support the Robert L. Bailey Professorship in History in the College of Arts and Sciences. Established in 1966 in memory of Lieutenant Robert Lee Bailey of Concord, N.C., the Bailey Professorship was UNC Charlotte's first endowed professorship. It set the standard, establishing the critical importance of philanthropy in the university's early years.

Shelco, Inc., established an endowed scholarship for rising juniors and seniors enrolled in the construction management or construction engineering programs in the William States Lee College of Engineering.

Beverly Bahakel Poston, executive vice president of Bahakel Communications, Inc., has made a gift to support the Cy N. Bahakel Communications Scholarship Endowment Fund. The scholarship, which honors the life and work of Bahakel Communications founder Cy Bahakel, supports undergraduate students majoring in communications in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Thomas G. Slaughter has made significant gifts of stock to enhance and support the Tom and Mary Slaughter Scholarship Annuity Fund. Slaughter established the Tom and Mary Slaughter Scholarship Fund in 2003 in memory of his wife, Mary Miller Slaughter. Available to undergraduate and graduate students of all majors at UNC Charlotte, the Slaughter Scholarship is awarded to recipients who possess good moral character, show the promise of future usefulness toward society and demonstrate the need for financial assistance.

Professor **Murray Alexander Webster Jr.** has made gifts to support both the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the College of Arts and Sciences. Webster made the gifts in honor of his 65th birthday.

The **Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation** has made a gift to support UNC Charlotte's *Smart Choice: The No Child Left Behind Education Network* project. The project engages parents in the educational process to help them make informed, objective choices about the schools best suited to serve the needs of their children.

It takes a Gift

LINDSAY DANIEL DESIGNS SPACES THAT NOURISH

As a young woman, Lindsay Daniel had a vision of designing structures and spaces that were unique, interesting and most importantly, reflective of the people who used them. One of her most prized possessions was the drafting table she received for her eighth-grade Christmas.

Unfortunately, her design dreams were deferred, first in high school where she was encouraged to take typing because “drafting was for boys”, and then in college, where she settled for studying the visual arts instead of pursuing the career in architecture she so passionately desired.

UNC Charlotte changed all of that for Lindsay Daniel, now owner and president of one of the Charlotte region’s foremost residential architecture firms, Lindsay Daniel Architecture (www.lindsay-daniel.com). After working nearly a decade as an interior designer, Daniel followed her vision and the encouragement of a few select individuals, and enrolled in the university’s School of Architecture, earning both a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture and a Bachelor of Architecture degree (a thesis program). Following her degrees, Daniel returned to UNC Charlotte for several years as an instructor of architecture, and she currently serves on the Board of Advisors for the College of Architecture.

“While my interior design background was a great pre-emptor to architecture, UNC Charlotte prepared me to unleash my vision and to think holistically,” said Daniel.

Her specialized approach is called couture architecture – a unique form of architectural service, design quality and personalized attention to each client and project. She meets with clients through every step of the process and helps them design, visualize and construct spaces that will stand the test of time, bring enjoyment and “nourish” the individuals that live there.

“You should get delight from your home, and enjoy that space every season, every year,” said Daniel. “Space should always be healing.”

For example, Daniel designs every home with some glass in the front door. “It creates a comfortable human experience. When guests come to your door, they can see where they’re headed next. It’s more welcoming.”

Daniel’s projects have included new homes, residential renovation and expansion, resort properties and national registered historic homes. She’s won numerous design and small business awards, including Best in Show at the 2005 and 2006 Excellence in Remodeling Awards, given by the Home Builders Association of Charlotte, and the 2006 Charlotte Business Journal’s *Women in Business Achievement Award*.

Daniel is passionate, vibrant, driven and warm, with a quick wit and a dozen ideas in her head at any given moment. She’s a woman who has learned to balance work vs. family commitments, to survive (and thrive) in a male-dominated profession and to nurture and teach a new generation of design professionals.

“You learn to win with a good attitude and a quiet tenacity. You need a diverse skill set and a professional maturity to make it work.”

For 15 years, she made it work by conducting business from her home – including four employees – so she could be there when her two children returned from school. In 2005, she moved to a larger office condo space in Charlotte’s South End, doubled her staff and within 12 months, also doubled her revenue.

She largely credits her team of talented employees for her successes. “It takes a deep team to handle complex projects. The level of complexity we can handle is not often found in a residential architectural firm. It’s not numbers of people, but rather the specific skills they can bring to a project. Our clients benefit by reining in more creativity, and security for the job to be built correctly,” said Daniel.

After 35 years of practicing interior and architectural design, Daniel still searches for the right definition of success. “A friend once told me that success is how you feel about where you are, when you’re there. I think that means you’re successful when you start understanding your own value,” said Daniel.

Last year, Daniel smiled when she learned that a light rail line is in the process of being approved to link the UNC Charlotte main campus to a new satellite campus in uptown Charlotte. In 1984, Daniel’s architectural thesis detailed a 500,000 sq. ft. mixed-use project in uptown Charlotte – that included both an urban campus for UNC Charlotte and the light-rail connector.

“Visionaries come from the worlds of business and art, working together,” said Daniel. “Sometimes executing the vision just takes a while.”

Founded in 1990 and known for its couture architecture, Lindsay Daniel Architecture fuses artistry, functionality and simple eloquence to design for the unique needs and lifestyle of the owner. Lindsay Daniel Architecture

specializes in personalized residential and resort design services for additions, remodeling, renovations, and new home construction.

By Karen Murray



FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR GETS TASTE OF THE REAL RUSSIA

A UNC Charlotte alumnus has discovered that what Winston Churchill once said about Russia – that, “It is a riddle wrapped in mystery inside an enigma” – rings true.

Daniel Saalfeld, 92’ was accepted into the traditional Fulbright Scholar Program. The program sends about 800 U.S. faculty and professionals to other countries every year to give lectures and conduct research.

Since September of 2006, Saalfeld has been teaching modern and contemporary American poetry and creative writing at Volgograd State University in Volgograd, Russia.

His first collection of poems, *Wide Open Among the Closely Knit*, was a finalist for the Philip Levine Prize and the Carnegie Mellon Press Poetry Series.

Living in Volgograd, a city of one million about 21 hours from Moscow, can be considered a different world than what most Americans are used to, but Saalfeld has taken in the culture and learned to adapt.

“Living in the regions of Russia, that is anything outside of St. Petersburg and Moscow, is fascinating in that I am getting the real taste of Russia.”

Few people outside of the University in Volgograd speak English. Located in the politically conservative “Red Belt” area, the city has preserved its historical streets and squares which bear Lenin’s name.

Politically, the climate between Russian and the United States has gotten a little icy, but that has not affected Saalfeld’s stay. “Politics are politics and people are people. My job is to teach American poetry, and I make that transparent to anyone who wants to know what I, an American, am doing in Volgograd, a city with few Americans.”

Not everything has run smoothly for Saalfeld. With distances so immense, travel has been one area he has learned to plan for. Foreigners are always required to register themselves in the cities they are visiting. When arriving there may be issues as well.

“I arrived in Astrakhan after a 12-hour train ride from Volgograd only to find that the hotel in which I had planned to stay refused to register foreigners. Luckily, I was traveling with a Russian, and we ended up renting an apartment from someone, which is common to do in Russia if you speak Russian. I have since learned to plan extensively before I travel in Russia.”

UNC Charlotte Donor Leads by Example

Donor’s relationship with university symbolizes passion to address special needs in community

As a wealth management adviser for a large financial services firm, Carol Douglas is committed to helping clients accumulate, maintain and distribute their wealth wisely. However, she not only dispenses advice; she leads by example.

“Many clients don’t really have any philanthropic inclinations when they first meet with me,” Douglas said. “That’s really a seed that’s just never been planted.”

Douglas says the key is to match a client’s desires with events or experiences that are especially meaningful. She often uses examples from her own life, including her involvement at UNC Charlotte, to illustrate how a donor can make a powerful impact.

Douglas’s relationship with UNC Charlotte is a testament to her commitment to address special causes. Nearly 15 years ago, university founder Bonnie Cone asked Douglas to join the Friends of UNC Charlotte, an organization that served as a bridge between the campus and the greater Charlotte community for many years. Douglas later formed an advocacy group that helped the university better respond to the unique needs of non-traditional students. She also used the sale proceeds from two real estate gifts to establish endowments benefiting disabled students, music scholarships and the Department of Religious Studies.

“All it takes is for me to mention the opportunity to create philanthropic gifts, and most people begin to apply it to themselves and their particular situation,” she said. “People truly vary in how they think about those issues. For some, it’s a way to share philanthropic values with their children. For others, it becomes a way to address some sort of personal struggle or unresolved emotion.”

“Most people have experienced some challenge in their lives that is addressed by a philanthropic organization; they just aren’t aware of it at a conscious level,” she said. “Whether the issue revolves around one’s physical or emotional health, environmental concerns or even a love of animals, people soon discover that this may be the one time in their lives when they’ve accumulated the appropriate resources to truly make a difference.”

Douglas credits her first job with the Mecklenburg Association for the Blind, as well as experiences with disabled family members and employees, as a factor behind her establishment of an endowment for disabled students at UNC Charlotte.

“I’m constantly amazed and humbled by how those with disabilities work hard to live as normal a life as possible,” she said. “They face all kinds of challenges, yet they find the strength, tools and attitude to go to school, find a job and create healthy families.”

“We’re all part of a much larger family, and I believe we have a contingent responsibility to be aware of the world and care for each other,” she continued. “Philanthropy helps foster that sense of connectedness and responsibility. By connecting with others, we not only become aware of what’s going on in other parts of the world, we’re able to have a vote in how issues are handled. We can’t live in our own little bubble and hope that others find solutions.”



Carol Douglas

1960s

Michael L. Wood, '68, retired from Deloitte Tax LLP in June 2006 after a 38-year career. In June, Michael accepted the position of Chief Financial Officer of Progressive Redevelopment, Inc., an organization that develops and manages affordable housing, primarily in Georgia.

Barry Yelton, '69, recently published an historical novel, *Scarecrow in Gray*, based upon the Civil War service of his great – grandfather. The book draws on archival information and stories handed down through the family. Barry and wife **Judy, '71**, live in Cliffside, N.C. and have two children and four grand children.

1970s

John Reel, '70, has retired from the South Florida Water Management District (West Palm Beach, Florida) after working there for over 32 years. John has been married to his wife, Marilyn, for nearly 30 years. Their son, Scott, is currently in seminary at Wake Forest University and their youngest son, Matt, is an Iraq war veteran who will enter his third year at Auburn University this fall.

Jeffery Beam, '75, recently published an essay in *CHARMED LIVES: Gay Spirit in Storytelling*. The anthology has just been nominated for a Lambda Book award in the Anthology category.

Jeffery's fourteenth collection of poems *The Beautiful Tendons: Uncollected Queer Poems 1977-2006* will appear in the same series in 2008. Jeffery's first photography show was held at Through This Lens Gallery in October / November 2006. His essay on poet Lorine Niedecker appeared in the Winter 2007 issue of *The Solitary Plover: The Friends of Lorine Niedecker Newsletter*. Jeffery is poetry editor of the print and online literary journal, *Oyster Boy Review*.

Mary C. Blakeney, '77, was recently appointed by Gov. Mike Easley to the North Carolina Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board.

Janice Cannon, '78, recently had her first non-fiction book, *A Soul in Peril*, published. She retired from the Gaston County Public School system in 1995 after 17 years of teaching English and language arts. Her son, Adam, is a senior at UNC Charlotte majoring in Psychology.

Susan Leigh Daisley, '79 & '84, was recently appointed department chair of the Fine Arts Department at Providence High School in Charlotte. She is also serving as a mentor teacher for new art teachers at CMS.

David Powell, '78, has been named Managing Principal for Wellwood Associates, LLC, a professional services firm specializing in healthcare informatics and clinical automation. David, his wife Bonnie and their two daughters, Morgan and Dani, live in Alpharetta, Ga.

Teresa Graves, '77, received certification as a Project Management Professional in October 2006.

Steven Preston Shaw, '76, retired with Delta Airlines, Inc. in December 2005 after a 38 year career. Steven is now employed with Union Academy in Monroe, N.C. as a 4th grade teaching assistant.

Sara Shell Underdown, '79 and '81, has been selected to join the Georgia Tourism Foundation. She and her husband, Chip, live in Albany.

1980s

Dario Perez, '86, is a partner in the law firm of Zohar, LaRock & Perez, LLP, where his firm specializes in civil trial work in the areas of personal injury. Perez was elected to the New York Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates for his track record as a trial attorney.

Brian Walker, '88, recently married April Joiner Walker. Brian is currently employed by Image Works Display as vice president of design engineering.

Shirley Lowder, '83, was recently named the newest board member for the Stanly Community College Board of Trustees.

Teresa (Parham) Lane, '82, recently opened a new psychiatric practice in Blue Ridge, Georgia.

Sally Drennan, '82, was recently hired as the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme coordinator and lead teacher at Hunter Huss High School, the only IB high school in Gaston County, N.C. This is her 16th year with Huss where she previously taught English and Journalism. Sally and her husband, Jerry, reside in Gastonia with their daughter, Allison.

Scott Gardner, '81, and his wife, Jeannie, '80 announce their daughter, Tiffany, has completed her first semester at UNC Charlotte as a Meteorology major with a 4.0 GPA.

Elizabeth Studer, '89, and her husband Tony, welcomed twin daughters, Addison and Jordan, on May 15, 2006.

Karen Elizabeth (Hammer) Funderburk, '86, passed away September 8, 2006. She is survived by her husband, Robert Funderburk II.

James Broughton, '86, is currently the technical writer/qa component of a hardware project with the U.S. Department of Commerce International Trade Administration.

Ted Alexander, '82, made a presentation at the state-wide Illinois Main Street conference in November 2006. The speech was entitled "Getting Down to Business: A Main Street Manager Turned Mayor's Perspective." Ted serves as Mayor of Shelby, N.C. where he resides with his wife, Patti, and their three children.

Cynthia Gary, '89, was recently named to the faculty at the N.C. Center for the Advancement of Teaching.

Tedd Duncan, '89, has been named a principal in the Charlotte office of civil engineering and landscape architecture firm LandDesign.

Roxanne Newton's, '86 and '89, book *Women Workers on Strike: Narratives of Southern Women Unionists*, was published by Routledge/Taylor & Francis in December 2006. Roxanne earned a Ph.D. in Educational Foundations and Cultural Studies from UNC Greensboro in 2004, and is currently Director of the Humanities and Fine Arts Division at Mitchell Community College.

Janet Cox Little, '82, RN, BSN, CIC, was recognized as the "2006 Practitioner of the Year" by the Association for Professionals in Infection Control & Epidemiology, NC Chapter, during their fall educational conference in Atlantic Beach, N.C., in October 2006.

Stuart Miller, '80, was recently employed as Vice President of sales for Payroll Plus, Inc. in Cornelius, NC. Mr. Miller was previously President and founder of Salem Soda Shop, Inc. in Old Salem, N.C. He stills lives in Pfafftown, N.C. with his wife Shirley and his two teenagers Caroline and Chris.

Reverend Randall Cauble, '82, was recently elected to the Lenoir-Rhyne College Board of Trustees. Cauble is the pastor of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Hickory, N.C. He and his wife Vicki are the parents of twin sons, Jacob and Luke.

Scott F. Reed, '80, has been named Principal for Cannon Design in Los Angeles, a nationally ranked architectural, engineering and planning firm.

1990s

Yelena (Sarkisova) Clark, '98, and her husband, David, welcomed their first child, Alexa Gabrielle, in July 2006. Yelena is working as an Assistant Vice President in Database Marketing/Card Services with Bank of America.

Monica (Dhatt) Fischer, '94, and her husband, Nathan, welcomed their daughter, Lily Kaur, in October 2006. The Fischers reside in Georgia, where Nathan is stationed at Fort Stewart and is currently serving in Iraq.

Michael Morris, '97, recently joined the Charlotte office of Binswanger, a Philadelphia based commercial real estate firm. Michael is a regional broker and lives in Charlotte.

Belinda Currin, '94 and '95, joined Clark Nexsen Architecture and Engineering of Norfolk, Virginia as Director of the HealthCare Architecture division. Belinda was previously a Senior HealthCare Project Manager with Odell Associates, Inc. in Richmond.

Brad Carmony, '98, has been promoted to Director of Public Relations at Inferno, a full-service advertising, marketing, design, and public relations firm in Memphis, Tenn.

Barbara (Recca) Horne, '95, married Steve Holbrook in January 2007.

Deborah Wendolyn Mickles Hicks, '99, recently married James Ryan Hicks III in Matthews, N.C. The couple resides in Ballantyne, N.C.

Rodger H. Lentz, '96, was recently hired as the new director of development services in Wilson, N.C.

Drewana Bey, '98, was appointed Assistant Principal of Bowie High School, Bowie, Md., in March 2006.

James Concepcion, '95, is currently deployed with his National Guard Unit the 105th Engineer Group to Tikrit, Iraq. His unit is part of Task Force Lightning under the command of the 25th Infantry Division. He is currently the Command Judge Advocate for his Brigade.

William Hoyle, '92, began working for the Federal Bureau of Prisons as a Chaplain in September 2006.

Justin Thompson, '96 and '05, recently took on the position of Senior Vice President of Engineering in the Digital Infrared Imaging Division with ICx Technologies. He and his wife, **Tanya, '98 and '05**, are parents to 15 month old Joshua.

Marco Arias, '98, and his wife, Holly, welcomed their second child, Joshua Cross, on February 7, 2007. Joshua joins big sister Jaydan in the Arias family. Marco currently works in pharmaceutical sales with Sanofi-Aventis and resides in Maiden, N.C. with his family.

Donna Randazzo, '95, and her husband Andy welcomed their daughter, Noelle Elisa, on September 16, 2006. Donna and Andy are both employed by Wachovia.

Kristen Stone, '94, is the recipient of the Milken Award for the state of North Carolina. Along with the award comes a \$25,000 cash prize and an all expense paid trip to Los Angeles to attend the National Milken Educators Conference. Only 100 teachers are given this honor per year.

Sherae Hagans, '97, has been selected as Teacher of the Year for the 2006-2007 school year. She teaches first grade at Union Chapel Elementary School in Robeson County.

Jennifer Pearson, '99, and her husband, David, welcomed twin girls, Olivia Grace and Paige Elizabeth, on October 19, 2006. Jennifer is a Pharmaceutical Sales Representative with Eli Lilly in Cleveland, Ohio.

Julie Dooley, '96, and her husband, Max, welcomed their second child, Eric Michael, November 15, 2006.

Sara Catherine McMillen, '99, and her husband, Josh, '01, welcomed their third child, Tripp Aaron on September 28, 2006. Sara is a mathematics instructor at Surry Community College, and Josh is working on his master's degree at Appalachian State University.

Patricia L. Bernard, '96, has taken a position with Erie Community College as Assistant Professor of Biology. She and her husband, Bryan, have two children, Annie and Matthew.

Jo Ann Serafini, '94, and her husband Anthony adopted their first child, Angelina Natalia Serafini, in January 2007. She and her husband recently celebrated 12 years of marriage as well. Jo Ann continues to work as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in Annapolis, MD and also serves as a Major in the Air Force Reserves.

Deborah Crombez, '96, recently married Philip Rosenthal, M.D., of Nashville, TN. Deborah is the chemistry coordinator of Nashville State Community College and pursuing a Ph.D. in Chemical Education at Middle Tennessee State University.

Kristina Smith, '96, recently accepted a position as a Senior Product Manager with Amazon.com located in Seattle.

James N. Greene III, '93, has been named to Business North Carolina magazine's "Legal Elite" for 2007 in the area of tax and estate planning; young guns. Mr. Greene received his JD (1999), with honors, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his BS (1993), magna cum laude, from UNC Charlotte.

Jeff Vannoy, '94, and his wife Alison celebrated the birth of their first child, Ashlee Lynn Vannoy, on October 1, 2006.

2000s

Chrys Egan, '92, and her husband John Duick Egan, '91, adopted their son Liam in June 2006. Chrys is an Associate Professor of Communication (Ph.D. Florida State) and John is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology (Ph.D. Florida State), both at Salisbury University.

Jennifer Wilson, '98, is engaged to be married to Michael Greenspon in May 2007.

Kathy Smith Seltzer, '95, and her husband, Sean Seltzer, welcomed their first child Morgyn Raye Seltzer, into the world on November 12, 2006. Kathy is a science teacher with Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools. The happy family makes their home in Charlotte.

Christopher McAulay, '97, was recently awarded the Advanced Law Enforcement Certification issued by the N.C. Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Standards Division.

David Allen Marcus, Jr, '91, and his wife Lee welcomed their first son, David Allen Marcus, III, born November 10, 2006. David continues to serve in the Moravian Church as an Associate Pastor at New Philadelphia Moravian Church in Winston-Salem. He is also nearing completion of his doctorate (DMIN) degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Ill.

James Lee Mixson, '90, has been working as a Sex Offender Control officer assigned to Iredell County since May 2006. James is very involved with Boy Scouts of America serving as the District Commissioner for Iredell County and with the US Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol serving as the NC162nd Composite Squadron Deputy Commander. He also received the President's Volunteer Service Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation in September 2006. James and his wife, Kristi, have two children, Jay and Addison.

Catherine Derrick, '94, and her husband, Brandon, announce the birth of their son, Maddock "Dock" Brandon Derrick.

Natasha Herold Stracener, '98, and Dennis Stracener announce the arrival of their first child, Natalya Marie Stracener, on May 7, 2006.

Lori Bumgarner, '96, recently accepted a position in The Career Center at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

Jason Hughes, '00, and his wife, **Kelly, '99**, recently relocated to South Florida where Jason has been named the Director of Media Relations at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida. Kelly is a project manager with CG Technologies and Bank of America.

Igor Jablov, '00, has been named CEO of YAP, a privately funded stealth startup in wireless technologies, based in Charlotte. Previously, he served as IBM's program director for human language technologies.

Wendy (Bradham) McSwain, '00, and her husband, **Joshua McSwain, '01**, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jake Lawson McSwain. He was born in December 2006.

Misty Rae Dobler (Penry), '04, recently married Jim Dobler at DuPont State Forest in Triple Falls. In addition, they recently opened their own business, Buck's Pizza, in Granite Quarry, N.C.

Joseph Nicholas Kendall, '00, recently married Jayne Marie MacLaughlin Kendall in Westmoreland, Jamaica. Joseph is employed as an attorney at Johnston, Allison & Hord in Charlotte.

Laurie Amy Jachym Wilson, '06, recently married Scott Lee Wilson in Charlotte. The couple will remain in Charlotte.

Haley Ann Devine Miedema, '05, recently married **Paul David Miedema, '02**. The couple resides in Pretoria, South Africa.

Michael Robinson, '03, is currently in his first year at the University of Pennsylvania College of Veterinary Medicine in Philadelphia, Pa.

Dana Bircher McClellan, '00, is a Vice President with Bank of America in their Enterprise Credit Risk Management group. She is also active with Junior League of Charlotte and resides in Charlotte with her husband, Zak, and their daughter, Campbell.

Banks Wilson's, '02, graphic design firm, Studio Banks, won best in show at the 2006 Addy Awards for graphic design and advertising.

Justin E. Kies, '05, married Aube M. Burrage, '05, on September 16, 2006. The ceremony took place at Forest Hill United Methodist Church in Concord, and the

reception was held at the Cabarrus Country Club, also in Concord. Following the wedding, the Kies' honeymooned in Isle of Palms, S.C. & Charleston, S.C. Justin is a Superintendent for Eastwood Homes and Aube is an Accountant/Administrative Assistant for Richard Burrage Inc. They reside in Concord, N.C.

Leann Lynn Michael, '02, recently graduated from Albany Law School and passed the New York State Bar Examination. In January, she was admitted to practice in New York State.

Michael "Denny" Ferguson, '02, was recently elected East Union Middle School's "Teacher of the Year."

William Palmer Hunt, '04, was named Fire Chief of the City of Shelby, N.C. effective February 1, 2007.

Tisha Perkins, '01 and '04, was recently hired by UNC Charlotte as a recruiter and adviser for the College of Education.

William "Dee" Hunt, '01, has been named private banker for BB&T in Lincolnton. Hunt serves on the Catawba County Leadership Advisory Board.

Barbara Shoffner Mackintosh, '02, was promoted to Manager, Consulting Services for Phillip Blount & Associates in January 2007. Barbara served as Senior Associate prior to her promotion and has been with the Atlanta firm since 2002.

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